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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DEPUTY MINISTER LINGAWI

1. DEPUTY MINISTER LINGAWI ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 29 FOR WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS A PRIVATE VISIT, AIMED AT ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES CAPABLE OF CONSTRUCTING PREFABRICATED APARTMENT DWELLINGS. HE MET, AT HIS REQUEST, WITH TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY ON APRIL 29 TO REVIEW PURPOSE OF VISIT, AND WITH CAGNE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRY.

2. DESPITE SHORTNESS OF VISIT, CAGNE ARRANGED FOR LINGAWI TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF TWELVE CONSTRUCTION FIRMS ON APRIL 30 AND MAY 1, AND DEPUTY MINISTER ASKED FOR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FROM NUMBER OF THEM. DETALILED TRIP REPORT BEING AIRPOUCHED. LINGAWI EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH MEETINGS TO COMMERCE, AND INDICATED HE PLANS LENGTHIER FOLLOWUP VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE ACCOMPANIED BY SAUDI HOUSING EXPERTS. WE OFFERED U.S.G. ASSISTANCE WITH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD VISIT MATERIALIZE, WHICH LINGAWI ACCEPTED.

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3. COMMENT. CONTRARY TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY EMBASSY, U.S. FIRMS GENERALLY FELT LINGAWI DID NOT COME PREPARED TO SIGN CONTRACTS AND THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO

ESTABLISH CONTACTS AND SOLICIT PROPOSALS. HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE MINISTRY'S SPECIFIC INTERESTS WAS CHARACTERIZED AS VAGUE. WE AND FIRMS BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT MEETINGS WERE HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE. EMBASSY MAY WISH TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO FOLLOW UP ON VISIT WITH LINGAWI, AND REITERATE U.S.G. DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS NEXT VISIT TO U.S. KISSINGER

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